

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**A B S T R A C T**

Public Servants – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Manapathi Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Pangur Cluster (In-charge, Chindepalli Village), Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District – Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau Officials on 07-12-2009 – Sanction of Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VII) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 1283**

**Dated:11-10-2010.**

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**ORDER:**

Whereas, Sri Manapathi Bala Krishna Reddy, S/o.Sri M.Venkata Reddy, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Pangur Cluster (In-charge of Chindepalli Village), Office of the Tahsildar, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District from 09-02-1992 to 07-12-2009 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of "Public Servant" as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, Sri Kandati Balakrishna, 53 years, S/o. Sri Kandati Raghavaiah, complainant, is a resident of Chindepalli Village, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District.

3. And whereas, it is alleged that on 06-12-2009 at 10:30 hours the complainant Sri Kandati Balakrishna came to the Anti-Corruption Bureau Office, Tirupati and lodged a report stating that his father Sri Kandati Raghavaiah has Ac.0.63 cents land; and in respect of this land, the Revenue authorities issued Pattadar Pass Book in the name of his father in the year 1995. During the year 2007, his father acquired 2.85 acres land through Gift Deed vide Doc.No.27/2007. He approached bank authorities to obtain loan from the bank, and the bank authorities informed to him that he has to pledge original Pattadar Pass Book as surety for giving loan to him. He got prepared the application addressed to the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu for making entries in the Pattadar Pass Book of his father regarding the newly acquired land through Gift enclosing the Xerox copies of the Gift Deed and visited the Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu on one day about three months back. The concerned Village Revenue Officer of his village is Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, he received the application from Sri Kandati Balakrishna informing that he has to conduct an enquiry at first and basing on his enquiry report only the Tahsildhar would make entries in the Pattadar Pass Book and also stated that he would conduct an enquiry and submit his report to the Tahsildar, Yerpedu. Sri Kandati Balakrishna came back by giving the application to the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy. Subsequently, he met the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy several times, but he postponed the matter to different dates asking him to secure money towards expenditure. About one week back, when he met the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy at his room in Yerpedu, Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer has demanded him to pay Rs.2,500/- as bribe for recommending his application for making entries in the Pattadar Pass Book and to get the same signed and issued by the Tahsildhar. He pleaded mercy due his financial position. Finally, the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy asked him to pay an amount of Rs.2,000/- as bribe to do his work. Sri Kandati Balakrishna came back expressing his inability. Again on 03-12-2009 he met the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy at the Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu. Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue

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Officer enquired him whether he had brought the demanded bribe amount. On his negative reply, Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer refused to do his work and postponed it. On his repeated requests, Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer asked him to pay Rs.2,000/- as bribe to him within 4 days otherwise he would keep his work in pending. Having no other go, he agreed to the demand of the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy. As he is not willing to pay the bribe amount to the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, he requested to take necessary action against the Village Revenue Officer;

4. And whereas, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, who is on full Additional Charge, Tirupati registered the report of Sri Kandati Balakrishna as a case in Cr.No.15/RCT-TCT/2009, under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988) of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Tirupati Range, Tirupati on 07-12-2009 at 10:20 hours and investigated into. The Deputy Superintendent of Police conducted pre-trap proceedings at the Office of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Tirupati commenced at 11:00 hours and concluded at 13:00 hours on 07-12-2009 in the presence of two Mediators. The other Inspectors, Staff and Sri Kandati Balakrishna also present during that time. All the required formalities to be observed were complied with;

5. And whereas, after completion of pre-trap proceedings in the Office of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Tirupati, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, three Inspectors, Sri Kandati Balakrishna, two Mediators and staff of Anti-Corruption Bureau left Anti-Corruption Bureau Office, Tirupati at 13:15 hours. All the trap party members along with Sri Kandati Balakrishna reached Venkatagiri Cross at Yerpedu Village and Mandal at 14:00 hours on 07-12-2009. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got stopped the vehicles on Tirupati-Srikalahasthi Road at Venkatagiri Cross and asked Sri Kandati Balakrishna to go to the room of Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer to comply with the demand of bribe amount only on his further demand but not otherwise and reiterated her earlier instructions and about signal to be given to Police Constable-410 in case Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer demands and accepts the bribe amount from him. Sri Kandati Balakrishna left the vehicle and went towards the room of the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy; Police Constable followed him and took vantage position. The remaining trap party members remained in the vehicles taking vantage positions. Sri Kandati Balakrishna went into the room of Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer and requested him to complete his work. On that, Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer asked him whether he had brought the demanded bribe amount of Rs.2,000/-. On his positive reply, Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer asked him to give the amount. Sri Kandati Balakrishna picked up the bribe amount of Rs.2,000/- from his shirt pocket and gave it to Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, who received the amount with his right hand, counted the notes with both of his hands and then kept the amount in his shirt left inner pocket, on hearing noise of somebody coming towards his room, Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer asked him to see who was coming towards his room, Sri Kandati Bala Krishna came out of the room and stated that Sri Kobaka Naidu is coming towards his room. Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer assured to complete his work within two or three days. Immediately, at 14:15 hours Sri Kandati Balakrishna gave pre-arranged signal by way of wiping his face with his hand-kerchief. Immediately after receiving signal from Sri Kandati Balakrishna, Police Constable relayed the signal to other trap party members. Immediately, the Deputy Superintendent of Police,

Mediators and other trap team members rushed towards the room of Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer along with Police Constable. The Deputy Superintendent of Police instructed Sri Kandati Balakrishna, who was found coming opposite to them to wait outside. On entering into the room of the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy found one person was standing at the table. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Tirupati Range disclosed her identity, identity of Mediators and other trap team members and asked the person in the room to reveal his identity. When the person revealed his identity, the raid party identified him as Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer in this case;

6. And whereas, the Deputy Superintendent of Police on full Additional Charge, subjected both the hands fingers of the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy separately, one after another to chemical test in the prepared colourless Sodium Carbonate Solution in separate glass tumblers and on doing so, the resultant solution of right hand fingers turned to pink in colour and the solution of left hand fingers turned to light pink in colour. The Deputy Superintendent of Police questioned the Village Revenue Officer Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy whether he received any bribe amount from any person just prior to their arrival. Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer picked up a wad of currency notes from his shirt left inner pocket and stated that it was the amount inserted in his inner pocket by Sri Kandati Bala Krishna. At the instance of Deputy Superintendent of Police, the Mediator took that currency notes of Rs.2,000/- from Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer counted it and found it on verification, the numbers of those currency notes tallied with that of the currency notes mentioned in Mediators' Report No.1 and the Deputy Superintendent of Police seized that amount. The Inner linings of the shirt pocket also subjected to Sodium Carbonate Solution test and it yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police with the staff conducted a search in the room of Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer for the application given by Sri Kandati Bala Krishna. During the search in the room Xerox copies of document pertaining to the work of Sri Kandati Bala Krishna were traced among the papers in the wall shelf. During the search in the room of Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, they found the applications of different applicants directly given to Sri M.Bala Krishna Reddy without the endorsement of the Tahsildar concerned and some Xerox copies of documents without any applications of the applicants. Those applications were seized by the Deputy Superintendent of Police. The above proceedings were reduced into writing in the form of Mediators' Report No.2 in detail;

7. And whereas, the aforesaid acts of Sri Manapathi Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Pangur Cluster and in-charge, Chindepalli Village, Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read-with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988);

8. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Manapathi Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Pangur Cluster and in-charge, Chindepalli Village, Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District from Government service, after fully examining the material i.e., copy of the First Information Report, copies of the Mediators' Reports-I & II, Final Report of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, gist of the statements of the witnesses and other documents placed before them, in respect of the aforesaid allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri Manapathi Bala

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Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Pangur Cluster and in-charge, Chindepalli Village, Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District should be prosecuted, in a Court of law, for the above said offences;

9. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Manapathi Bala Krishna Reddy, Village Revenue Officer, Pangur Cluster and in-charge, Chindepalli Village, Office of the Tahsildhar, Yerpedu Mandal, Chittoor District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 read-with clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act of 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law, for the time being in force, in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences, by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**ASUTOSH MISHRA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director General,  
Anti-Corruption Bureau,  
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

**//Forwarded by Order//**

**Section Officer**